.tion to raise subscriptions for the purpose of getting work performed by the Police is under discussion. Another point also requires consideration: the inhabitants of the Town have opened an English school in the town at their own cost. With the view of its being made a Government institution, they petitioned the authorities on the subject and the Education Secretary stated that if half of the cost of the institution could be met from school fees, the other half might be paid by the Municipality and the Government; but the Municipal revenue does not allow of any contribution being made towards the maintenance of the English school. It is therefore prayed that Octroi might be allowed to be levied in this Town as is done in the towns of Davangere, Harihar, Chitaldroog and Hosdurga, when the financial condition of the Municipality would improve and funds would become available for the above mentioned purposes.

Dewan's reply.—The representation will be communicated to the Deputy Commissioner for a report.

Subject No. 93.
Extra grant required for Challakere Annachattram.

Summary of discussion.—There were two Annachattrams in this Taluk; one at Challakere and the other at Tallak; the latter was recently transferred to Bommegaudankere in the Molakalmuru Taluk. The feeding allowance of Rs. 17—4—0 per month allowed to the chattram at Challakere lasts only for about 15 days. Several pilgrims from Shimoga, Madaksira, Bellary, Bangalore, &c., come here on their way to Kasi, Rameswaram, &c. Besides this, Bairagis from 20 to 40 in number arrive at Challakere daily. It is not possible to supply their wants with this small allowance of Rs. 17—4—0. It is believed that the allowance of Rs. 50 per mensem granted to the Annachattram at Chitaldroog is not spent fully. Any surplus that may remain out of that grant may be transferred to this Chattram.

Dewan's reply.—The Deputy Commissioner states that there are no savings in the Chitaldroog Chattram and that if any accrue, they may be required for the repair and maintenance of that chattram.

Subject No. 94.
Supply of water-pumps to Challakere Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—In the Challakere Taluk, a large area is cultivated under Kapile-wells which require strong bullocks and costly buckets and much manual labor. As the Government have supplied sugar-cane mills to some Taluks, this Taluk may be supplied with water-pumps. This would mitigate to a great extent the hardship which the raiyats are now experiencing.

Dewan's reply.—The Government will try and introduce any useful pumps suitable for irrigation purposes.

Subject No. 95.
Prohibitive upset prices on lands sought for cultivation.

Summary of discussion.—In this year several Darkhasts for land were rejected on the ground that the upset price fixed on them was not realised at the auction sale. This of course is in accordance with the Revenue Rules published recently.